Discussions on the Budget (*resumed*).

MR. PATTABHIRAMASETTY said that the grant for remission of assessment was very meagre and that it should be enhanced.

He also thought that the grant for the repairs of Muzrai temples required similar enhancement.

With regard to the enhancement of process fees, MR. PATTABHIRAMASETTY was of opinion that the process servers no doubt required enhanced pay but that the expenditure required therefor should be met from the enhanced *ad valorem* fees levied on plaints in Civil Courts.

He wanted that either the pay of the Police constables or their strength should be increased.

He was of opinion that the establishment charges amounting to 2½ lakhs of rupees for Irrigation Works was exorbitant, compared with the amount of Rs. 10 lakhs proposed to be invested on them.

A major portion of the expenditure of 8 lakhs of rupees on the Agricultural Department went towards the cost of the establishment, leaving only one-sixteenth part of it for actual practical agricultural purposes. This, he thought, was not satisfactory.

He wanted more grants for town improvements, if not on the scale allowed to the two cities.

MR. E. KRISHNAPPA thanked the Government for establishing a High School at Nanjangud. He said that the Budget was at present discussed, first in the Finance and Taxation Committee, next in the Representative Assembly and again in the Legislative Council. He thought that after it was placed before the Finance and Taxation Committee, it should thereafter be discussed only in one place, for which a combined sitting of the Legislative Council and Representative Assembly should be called during the Birthday Session.

Referring to the reduced income under Assigned Tract revenue, MR. KRISHNAPPA said that it was necessary that the administration report of the Cantonment should be allowed to be discussed in the Representative Assembly to see if the surplus was correctly shown.

He was of opinion that forests were being exploited by the Forest Department to a larger extent than necessary, with the result that owing to such denudation there was less rainfall than before.

During the last year a sum of Rs. 96,000 was shown in the Railway Budget as being refund of customs dues.

He did not find any income indicated during the present year. He wished to know why that was so.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that that was a special item of receipt of last year and that it was not a recurring revenue.

MR. KRISHNAPPA thought that it was possible to increase the railway revenue by reducing expenditure. The administration of the Railway Department required scrutiny. The railway carriages were very ricketty. There was no proper platform in the Nanjangud Station, nor were there quarters for the Station Master himself. The fares also required further reduction.

With regard to the Police Department, he thought, that the detection work of the Police decreased year after year. Against 822 cases undetected in 1924-25 there were about 2,000 cases undetected in 1925-26. That, in his opinion, showed that the Police were deteriorating. He thought that it would be more advantageous if a separate detective staff were organised and placed directly under each Deputy Commissioner.

With regard to the Medical Department he said that the system of uniform distribution of drugs in the Local Fund Dispensaries was not necessary and that they should be supplied in proportion to the needs of each dispensary.

He pressed for the opening of a Maternity Hospital in Nanjangud, for which there was already a building ready.

MR. VENKATARAMANE GOWDA said that there was no use giving grants for drinking water wells to all places alike. The necessity of each place should be properly scrutinised first and needful grants given later.

The district board roads were managed by the Public Works Department at the cost of the District Boards. He thought that under such a system, the district board roads were not properly cared for and he recommended that the district board roads should be given over to the local authorities for management by their own staff.

With reference to the grant for the Maralavadi Tank, MR. VENKATARAMANE GOWDA said that the sum of Rs. 15,000 provided was too meagre and that it should be enhanced. He also said that the contribution from the villagers had been paid about 12 years ago.

THE DEWAN said that the sum of Rs. 15,000 was only a preliminary grant and that as the work progressed Government would be glad to sanction more funds.

MR. VENKATARAMANE GOWDA said that there was once

a question of digging wells for irrigation purposes at Kankanhalli and that the villagers had also given mutchalikas for contributing Rs. 6 per acre for this purpose. He regretted that although wells were dug, no action had been taken to help the raiyats in lifting the water. He was of opinion that the Agricultural and Electrical Departments should in consultation devise some way of installing electric pumps for raising water from these wells.

THE DEWAN said that the reduction of rates for electric power for minor industries would be taken up soon.

MR. VENKATARAMANE GOWDA next referred to the Juvenile Smoking Regulation. He did not think that the Police took adequate notice of any juveniles smoking. He thought that the Regulation should be strictly enforced.

He also wanted an additional grant of Rs. 3,000 for private hostels.

MR. VENKATARAMAIYA of Closepet said that the supply of seed cocoons at Closepet was not adequate and the grant therefor should be increased. He also requested that electric power should be supplied to the Closepet town also which was only 6 miles from Chennapatna.

MR. CHIKKACHENNANANJAPPA said that the Amildars should be directed to tour round the taluks at more frequent intervals and that they should visit at least 50 villages to study the condition of agriculture and the crops raised. The villagers were in a deplorable condition without any idea of health or sanitation. The Amildar should pay special attention to inculcate into their minds the necessity to keep themselves in proper health. He should pay special attention to about 10 villages at a time for such a purpose.

MR. ABDUL KHUDDUS of Chennapatna said that the grainage house at Chennapatna required extension for preserving sufficient quantity of disease-free eggs. The grant proposed for this building has been reduced by Rs. 200 and requested Government to raise the grant.

THE DEWAN replied that the matter would be considered.

MR. KHUDDUS next said that the waste weir of the Maddur Tank had not been properly raised and that the temporary waste weir now put up would not last very long and be beneficial to the people.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER replied that if the waste weir were permanently raised, very valuable lands below the tank would be submerged.

MR. O. CHENNABASAPPA said that the special rates of

railway freights should be prescribed for cotton, seeds, timber, etc., as suggested by the Chamber of Commerce.

He also brought to the notice of Government that the railway line passed through the middle of Davangere with the result that the town was divided into two, making it difficult for people to pass from one place to another. The necessity for an overbridge has been brought up before Government at various times, but, as yet, no action was taken. He requested that needful steps be ordered to be taken immediately.

He said that there was a proposal to transfer the treasury work of the Government to the Mysore Bank. If this were done, he said, that the branch of the Mysore Bank at Davangere could do some work and lend money at an easier rate.

THE DEWAN replied that it could not be done.

MR. BANDAIYA referring to the Halepur Tank said that the grant of Rs. 3,000 made for its repairs was very small and that it should be enhanced. He added that it breached 14 years ago and since then no crops could be raised under it.

THE DEWAN replied that if more money was required, it would be sanctioned.

MR. HANUMANTHA CHETTY of Hunsur said that for the Uthur Nala Rs. 70,000 had been sanctioned last year and that no provision was indicated for the next year.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF MYSORE replied that the estimate had to be revised and that the amount already sanctioned would not lapse.

MR. HANUMANTHA CHETTY then wanted that the water supply scheme to Hunsur, for which the municipality had contributed half the cost, should be expedited.

A Member from Sagar said that a High School should be opened there very early and that more seats should be provided in the Medical College. He also wanted that an Agricultural School should be established at Sagar. He also brought to the notice of the Dewan that no tank in the Sagar Taluk had been entered in the programme.

THE DEWAN said that the matter would be enquired into, but the difficulty appeared to be that no labour was available locally.

MR. VENKATASAMEGOWDA said that the Inspector of Village Panchayats could not be expected to look after so many Panchayats in the Taluk and the expenditure on these Inspectors was a waste. He thought that if an allowance of

Rs. 5 was given to the Sheikdar, he could do the work better. He thought that by this means Government could save Rs. 60,000 by way of pay and travelling allowance to the Inspectors. He suggested that this amount might be allotted for village improvement works.

MR. B. C. RANGAPPA said that boys of the Kanyar community were not allowed in the ordinary schools and that at Sathanur there was great difficulty for water. He requested Government to investigate the matter and redress their grievances.

MR. A. NARAYANAIENGAR said that very valuable ancient monuments were deteriorating for want of help and many of them were being taken to the museums in Europe. He thought that it was an important duty of Government to preserve all such monuments in good order. He suggested that an annual grant of Rs. 25,000 might be given for this purpose which should not be allowed to lapse. There were 42 temples that stood in need of repairs and when all these were properly attended to, there would be no further need for grant. In this view he thought that the sum of Rs. 10,000 now provided should be enhanced to Rs. 25,000.

MR. MUNIVENKATAPPA said that lectures should be given in the horticultural schools in Kannada and that it was also necessary to give a few scholarships to the raiyats to go to these schools.

MR. CHANDRABHANSINGH suggested that a committee should be appointed to report upon the possibilities of the Ayurvedic system in Mysore and that the grant for Ayurvedic College should be enhanced.

MR. RANGASAMI CHETTY of Magadi said that the *ane* at the place was in disrepair and should be attended to immediately.

The Thirumale Jatre at Magadi was very well attended and proper arrangements should be made for supplying drinking water to the pilgrims and cattle at the time. He was of opinion that the Additional Munsiff's Court might remain in Bangalore instead of being transferred to Magadi or Kankanhalli.

MR. SIVALINGAPPAIYA was of opinion that for every distance of over 10 miles there should be an Ayurvedic Dispensary in the districts.

MR. KRISHNAMURTHIACHAR said that the 2 lakhs of rupees now allotted for the Village Panchayats was quite insufficient and that such of the Village Panchayats as come forward to do good work should be encouraged in the

first instance with suitable grants. Rs. 20,000 sanctioned for the repair of 4,000 tanks in the Kolar District, he said, was wholly inadequate and that it should be increased to Rs. 40,000. He also pleaded for more allotment for the repair of Mulbagal-Pannagaram road. He brought to notice that no remissions had been given in the Mulbagal Taluk in several places in which crops had completely failed. He suggested that needful enquiries should be made and wherever remissions were due the kandayam already paid by the raiyats should be refunded to them.

MR. MUNISAMI CHETTY said that more encouragement should be given for elementary education and that the Bangalore-Chickballapur Light Railway should be converted into a metre gauge railway.

MR. CHIKKEGOWDA of Malvalli said that the project for Sulikere should be expedited. He failed to see why this tank was not entered in the programme although the raiyats had already paid their contributions.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, Mysore District, replied that the project was pending sanction of Government.

At this stage, the Assembly adjourned to meet again at 12 NOON the next day.